

**NURSE PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Sophia M. DiCaro**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Nurse Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the requirements for a nursing education program to qualify as an approved education program;
- ▶ amends the division's rulemaking authority related to limited-time approved education programs; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-31b-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 262

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-31b-601** is amended to read:

**58-31b-601. Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide training.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), to qualify as an approved education program

30 for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education  
31 program shall be accredited by ~~[the:]~~ an accrediting body for nursing education that is approved  
32 by the United States Department of Education.

33 ~~[(a) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;]~~

34 ~~[(b) National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission; or]~~

35 ~~[(c) Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.]~~

36 (2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
37 division, in consultation with the board, may make rules establishing requirements for a  
38 nursing education program to qualify for a limited time as an approved education program for  
39 the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, ~~[prior to its obtaining an]~~ if  
40 the program:

41 (a) is in the process of obtaining the accreditation described in Subsection (1)[:];

42 (b) has recently been denied accreditation after seeking to obtain the accreditation  
43 described in Subsection (1); or

44 (c) has recently lost the accreditation described in Subsection (1).

45 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and  
46 the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for  
47 a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this  
48 chapter as a medication aide certified.